

# MANISTEE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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## MEETING MINUTES

**JULY 28, 1992**

A special meeting of the Manistee City Planning Commission was held on Tuesday, July 28, 1992 at 8:00 P.M. in Room 206, City Hall, 70 Maple Street, Manistee, Michigan, pursuant to proper legal notice. The meeting was preceded by joint work session called by the City Council to discuss the Knights of Columbus street vacation request. Johnson made the presentation on behalf of the commission.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by John Schimke.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** R. Bruchan, R. Franckowiak, D. Johnson, J. Schimke, A. Slawinski, R. Yoder  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** J. Lakos, J. Pruis, K. Thompson  
**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jon Rose (City Code Administrator), Alice & William Axce

### OTHER BUSINESS:

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STREET VACATION REQUEST-

At the previously mentioned joint work session with the City Council, representatives of the Knights of Columbus indicated that they would be willing to recommend to their membership that a 24 foot easement along their west property line be given to the city for an access drive in exchange for the City giving approval to the vacation of Center Street, between US31 and 12th Street. As a result of their response, Mayor Hansen asked the planning commission to reconsider the request.

Following discussion, it was moved by Franckowiak, supported by Schimke, to recommend to the City Council that the vacation of Center Street, between US31 and 12th Street, be approved, provided the Knight of Columbus grant to the City a written easement, in recordable form, acceptable to the City, for a 24 foot strip of land along their west property line for use as an access road.  
**MOTION CARRIED** (Slawinski abstained)

#### NORTH PARKING LOT-

The City Council referred to the commission the question of providing improved parking in the area of the public lake access near the Dunes Subdivision. Rose made the presentation on behalf of the City. He indicated that the City Staff recommends the development of 12 parking spaces in the area where the old Dunes Drive access road entered the subdivision, which would service the public access to Lake Michigan and beaches to the north.

During the discussion, it was questioned whether citizens would use these parking spaces to utilize the northern portion of Man Made Lake, all of which is privately owned. Mr & Mrs. Axce are one those private owners and included their comments. Some members expressed concern over the fact the matter had to be answered now, without an opportunity to consider other options and possible problems. Questions which were raised but could not be answered

included: Would the city be encouraging trespass across private property? What is the City's liability in promoting the use of Man Made in as much as it is unguarded? Is the water in Man Made, now that it is no longer open to Lake Michigan safe to swim in?

Following lengthy discussion it was moved by Franckowiak, supported by Slawinski, to recommend to the City Council that 12 graveled parking spaces be provided in the former Dunes Drive access road, as recommended by City Staff to service the public access to Lake Michigan and beaches to the north, and that signage be installed to indicate that the access is to Lake Michigan only and that motor vehicles are prohibited. MOTION CARRIED by 4 to 2 vote (Bruchan & Schimke opposed). No consideration for providing parking for Man Made Lake was made as further study is needed.

**SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY REQUEST-**

A request from the City Manager concerning city owned lots in Filer Township, which immediately adjoin Golden Acres subdivision was tabled until the regular meeting on August 6th.

**SITE PLAN REVIEW- RIVERSIDE MOTEL ADDITION:**

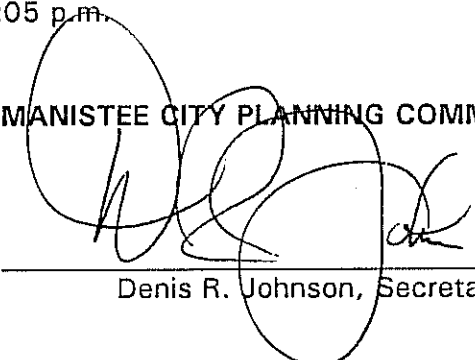
Rose presented a site plan for an addition to an existing structure at the Riverside Motel. The proposed addition maintains the existing footprint, but just adds one floor to the structure. It was moved by Slawinski, supported by Bruchan to approve the site plan. MOTION CARRIED. Johnson advised that the owners have petitioned the city to amend the zoning ordinance to add an additional use to allow a taxidermy shop at the site. This matter will be discussed further at the regular meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, it was moved by Slawinski, supported by Bruchan, that the meeting be adjourned. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Denis R. Johnson, Secretary